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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Snowfall has been spotted at higher elevations, which means winter is near. Fair weather conditions allowed normal farm operations to continue this week. The days suitable for work was 5.3 days, up 0.4 days from last week. Livestock conditions throughout the state continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports that producers within the county were able to get some harvesting done last week. Onion producers made great strides in getting the harvest in this week. Ninety percent of the harvest is now complete, but the issue of storability will be a problem since the crop has been rained on and has not dried. Grain corn producers are reporting excellent yields while the harvest continues. Cache and Box Elder counties report that winter wheat seeding is still underway, while what has emerged looks very good and should enter winter in good condition. Cache County reports having some rainfall during the week. Producers are still trying to finish the safflower and corn harvest. Sevier County reports more heavy rains have delayed haymaking and have filled the soil profile. Emery County reports good overall crop production this year. Most of the crop production activities are done for the year, and several irrigation systems have been shut down, and water is being taken out of the canal systems.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports that livestock producers continue to wean calves and ship them to buyers. Sheep producers are lining up crop residue grazing for the fall. Cache County reports that the feeder cattle prices in the county have been dropping due to escalating feed grain costs. There have also been some questions and concerns from dairymen about the cost of feed grains.

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 22, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	90	74	86	86
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	92	77	90	88

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 22, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	94	80	100	99
Winter Wheat Planted	87	83	94	88
Winter Wheat Emerged	64	50	61	59
Alfalfa Seed	86	70	89	81
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	88	81	91	89
Apple Harvested	93	89	71	87

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 22, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	7	16	39	37	1
Winter Wheat	0	0	33	67	0
Corn	1	2	9	70	18
Sheep	0	1	14	78	7
Cattle/calves	0	3	15	71	11

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 22, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	10	80	10
Subsoil	0	18	77	5
Irrigation water supplies	9	11	78	2
Stock water supplies	2	13	84	1